

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended): A wire harness excessive length absorbing device comprising:

a case, having a base wall, front wall, rear wall, pair of side walls and a cover, for receiving a wire harness having an inlet formed in a side wall adjacent the rear wall, and an outlet formed in the rear wall for the wire harness;

an urging member for urging the wire harness toward an inside of the case; and

a harness roller ~~on~~ about which the wire harness is rolled in a U-shape, said harness roller reciprocally moving under acting force of the urging member, and

a harness guide mounted on the outlet formed in the rear wall and curved toward the inlet for guiding the harness to the outside of the case, such that the wire harness is pulled into the case from the harness inlet and turned in the U-shape about the wire harness roller and further turned by the harness guide and pulled out of the case.

2. (Previously Presented): The wire harness excessive length absorbing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the harness guide is curved in the same direction as a direction of the wire harness being rolled on the harness roller.

3. (Previously Presented): The wire harness excessive length absorbing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein a radius of corner of the harness guide is formed equal to or larger than a thickness of the case.

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4. (Previously Presented): The wire harness excessive length absorbing device as claimed
in claim 1,
wherein the outlet is disposed in a direction perpendicular to that of the inlet.